

### Remarks

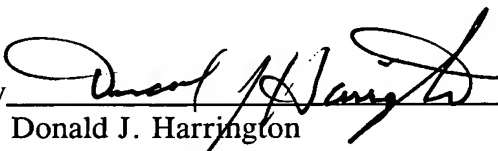
Applicants now have cancelled claims 1-2, 4-7, 18-20 and 22.

Claims 3, 8 and 21 have been indicated to be allowable if they would be written in independent form. They now have been amended by writing them in independent form. In rewriting the claims, minor editorial changes have been made to better improve the form and to place the application in condition for allowance. For example, the preposition "in," rather than "for," in the second line of claims 3 and 8-16, has been used because it is more appropriate. Further the phrase "step of determining" in claims 23-25 and 29-31 has been replaced by the phrase "the determination of" because the latter phrase is more appropriate for structure claims. Still further, the term "transmission" has been changed to "transmission system" in claims 24, 26, 28 and 29 to provide agreement with the antecedent and to provide consistency with corresponding terms in the other claims. Applicants request that claims 3, 8 and 21 now be grouped with allowed claims 9-17 and 23-31.

The issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited respectfully.

Respectfully submitted,

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